

# READ THIS LIST FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

and Stiff Hats, all shapes for men, boys and children... 50c to 3.00  
 Men's Caps for men, boys and children... 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00  
 Men's O'Shaughnessy... 25 and 50c  
 Cigarettes and Tobaccos... 25c and 50c  
 Men's heavy leather & knit working & dress Gloves & Mittens... 15c to 50c  
 Boys' heavy leather & knit working & dress Gloves & Mittens... 15c to 50c  
 Ladies' and Misses' Kid Gloves and Mittens... 25c, 39c, 50c  
 Men's and Boys' Fancy Socks and solid colored Knit Gloves... 25c and 50c  
 Men's all wool White Merino Underwear... 1.00 to 1.50  
 Light colored Knit Dress Kid Gloves silk lined and unlined... 1.00 to 1.50  
 The celebrated F. Wines Kid Gloves, in all shades... 1.50  
 Silk lined and unlined Undressed Kid Gloves, all shades... 1.00 to 1.50  
 Fleece lined Kid and Mocha and Suede Gloves... 50c to 3.00  
 Fur driving Gloves from... 1.00 to 3.00  
 Fancy Suspenders in boxes, special for Xmas gifts... 50 to 1.50  
 Fancy Arm Bands 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00  
 Cuffs, pure linen... 25c  
 White Dress Shirts from... 50c to 1.00  
 Night Shirts... 50c, 75c, 1.00  
 Fancy Nightgown Shirts, 39c & 79c; Fancy colored Shirts... 39c, 79c, 98c  
 Fancy Bowtie Shirts... 39c and 79c  
 Flannel Shirts, all colors, from... 1.00 to 2.50  
 Heavy Jersey Shirts from... 50c to 1.00



Working Shirts... 25c to 50c  
 Cardigan Jackets for men... 1.00 to 3.50  
 Men's and Boys' Sweaters, all colors, from... 50c to 4.00  
 Men's Sweaters, the latest style... 3.50  
 Men's and Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear... 25c to 50c  
 Men's Cambric double front and back, Wool Underwear... 1.00  
 Men's all wool White Merino Underwear... 1.00  
 Men's Natural Wool Underwear... 75c  
 Heavy Egyptian Linen Cotton Underwear... 1.00  
 Natural Wool Rib Underwear... 1.00  
 Choice Knickerwear in all new patterns and shapes, 5c, 10c, 15c... 25c and 50c  
 Handkerchiefs, plain white, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00  
 1-in and 2-in Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs 10c, three for 25c; one-half dozen... 1.00  
 Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, three for 25c; one-half dozen... 1.50  
 Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs... 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00  
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 Heavy Double Breasted Vests... 1.50  
 Heavy Storm Coats... 2.50  
 Pongee Jackets from... 1.90 to 2.50  
 White Vests from... 1.00 to 3.00

A fancy Box of Handkerchiefs for a Xmas gift at 50c 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00. Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 75c to 8.00. Hosiery, plain and fancy, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, all wool Lasher Hose at 25c. Heavy wool Hose at 15c, 25c, 50c. Boys' Stockings at 15c and 25c. Latest style Muffs for ladies and gentlemen 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50. Way's Mufflet 50c, all wool, for men, women and children. Cuff Buttons 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00. Collar Buttons 25c and 50c. Necktie Pins 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00. Shirt Studs, per set, from 25c to 75c. Cuff Holders 10c and 25c. Coat Springs 10c. Overalls and Jumpers 50c each. Aprons for waiters, butchers and carpenters 25c. Hose Suppgotters 15c and 25c.

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Store Open Every Evening Until After Christmas. Call and get a 1904 Calendar.

The Leading Clothiers.  
 Hatters, Furnishers and  
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### Estate of Mary A. Lane

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.  
 STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court for the District of Bennington, ss.: Court held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.  
 Present, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.  
 Harlow A. Bottom administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Mary A. Lane, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 20th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.  
 A record whereof is ordered to be made.  
 A true record.  
 Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.  
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### Estate of John Burke.

Will Presented.  
 STATE OF VERMONT. ss.: At a session of the Probate Court for the District of Bennington, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1903.  
 Present, John V. Carney, Judge.  
 An instrument, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Burke late of Bennington in said district, deceased, being presented by J. V. D. S. Merrill, for the executor thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 14th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the admission of said Will, for which purpose it is ordered that this order be published three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing.  
 By the Court.  
 Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

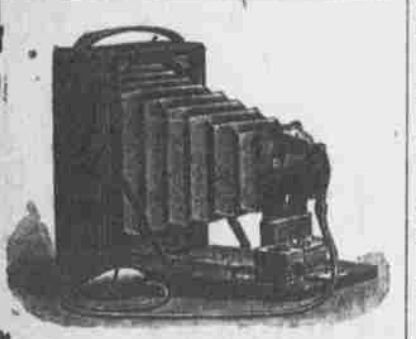
### COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned, having been appointed by Hon. Probate Court for the District of Bennington, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of John H. Bailey, late of Shaftsbury in said district, deceased, and all claims existing in favor thereof, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid at the late residence of the said John H. Bailey on the 20th day of Dec. 1903, and 15th day of May next, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock M. each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Nov. A. D. 1903 is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.  
 Dated at Bennington, this 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1903.  
 J. ED. WALBRIDGE,  
 PATRICK T. O'NEIL,  
 Commissioners.

### LOST! LOST!!

Two fox-hounds—one a female, black and tan, four white feet, answering to name of "Fan." The other a male, yellow ears, white stripe in face, color white and brown, answers to name of "Line." Finder will be rewarded by returning or giving information to

Peter McLaughlin  
 Woodford, Vt.



### KODAK

Appropriate for a Christmas present to anybody. Home portraits—flashlights—winter landscapes. Photography is delightful in the winter season.  
 KODAKS \$5 to \$15  
 Brownie Kodaks \$1 & \$2  
 W. L. GOKAY - Druggist  
 417 Main St.

### SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

The Communion Service which was to have been held last Sunday in the M. E. church was postponed on account of the storm and will be held next Sunday morning. At that service several are to be received on probation and the rite of baptism to be administered to quite a number of candidates. A full attendance of the church membership is desired.

### EAST ARLINGTON

V. C. Blodgett of Brandon is staying at M. O. Schutt's.  
 Hale Co's Chair-shop is not running the first of the week, as a boiler inspector is expected.  
 We have had fine sleighing for a few days, until the rain of Saturday night and Sunday. The weather Monday was bitter cold.  
 No service in the Congregational church on Sunday. A small congregation assembled in the Methodist church. The weather at the time of service was not inviting. An "Anti-Worry Meeting" was held in the evening by the C. E. Society. Mrs. G. A. Furness presiding. The C. E. ladies held a "Millinery Social" at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday evening. All are invited.

### SANDGATE

Samuel Randall of Manchester was in town over Sunday.  
 Mrs. Jerome Still remains about the same.  
 Mrs. Sarah Randall is visiting in Rutland and Cambridge.  
 There will be a concert at the church Christmas eve followed by a supper.  
 M. J. Corey was in town one day last week.  
 Mr. Bacon of Williamstown is spending a few days at W. J. Hamiltons.  
 E. S. Randall of Cambridge and Frank Randall of Shaftsbury were in town Saturday attending the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. Smith Peck.  
 The Revival meetings are still continuing. Mr. Wager was assisted on Wednesday evening by Rev. Mr. Miller of Rupert and Rev. A. P. Hogle of Ellensburg, N. Y. Mr. Hogle was the pastor of the M. E. church here six years ago, and his visit was a very pleasant surprise.

### NORTH HOOSICK.

Mrs. John Marsh and Mrs. George Washington spent Saturday in South Shaftsbury.  
 Mrs. Wm Cottrell has been on the sick list several days.  
 C. S. and Leslie Haswell are suffering with colds.  
 Walter Spaulding and family have moved in with her father L. J. Burgess.  
 The school will close for vacation Friday till after the Holidays.  
 Lura Marsh has a birthday party Wednesday evening.  
 Leta Allen is on the sick list.

"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

A Costly Mistake.  
 Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver and bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

### READSBORO

What time did Goodells watch stop?  
 H. E. Parsons and wife of North Adams were in town Monday.  
 Homer Shippe has purchased a 5 Horse power Gasoline Engine.  
 There was no services last Sunday at the Baptist church on account of the weather.  
 On account of the cold weather, Abe Bishop has decided not to finish his tenement house until next year.  
 Mrs. Frances Pike and Merrett Blanchard spent Sunday in Jacksonsville. Mrs. Pike expects to remain until after Xmas.  
 The young men of the place are arranging to organize a Basket Ball Team. The first meeting was held Monday in Music Hall.  
 Howard Hill, son of Rev. G. W. F. Hill is still with typhoid fever at the home of his parents on Hill st. Dr. Lane is attending him.  
 Owners of horses and other live stock are keeping their animals in good, vigorous, healthy condition by feeding Nutrilone. They find nothing else equal to it. C. G. Brown sells it.  
 Frank Keyes had the two first fingers of his right hand caught between the bits of a boring machine Saturday afternoon at the Chair Co., shop. He received a very bad cut causing one of the arteries to bleed quite freely. This makes the third man to get his fingers cut up on this machine.

Bodily pain loses its terror if you're a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort.

Christmas evergreen wreaths, 10, 15, and 25 cents each. Rope wreathings, 5 and 7 cents per yard. Christmas trees, 25 and 50 cents. Mail received every day. Address Mrs. Clarence S. Morse, R. F. D. 1, Bennington, Vt. Order by mail now. 45w3

If You Don't Like Music you can avoid it. If you hate company you can manage to be alone. But what are you to do if, after taking a few mouthfuls of food, you experience such keen distress as if you had gone empty and hungry? Why, use Dr. David Kennedy's new medicine Cal-cura Solvent, and cure the dyspepsia. Write to the Cal-cura company, Rondout, N. Y., for details and a free sample bottle.

Frank E. Howe.

### THE MONEY-SAVING STORE

HOLIDAY GIFTS.  
 Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Ladies' Suits, Jackets, Capes, Furs, Skirts, Waists, Wrappers, and Fine Millinery, Gloves, Suspenders, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs of all kinds and Dressing Sashes, at Lowest Possible Prices.

H. HARRY LEVIN,  
 112 North Street.

### GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY

Milo Stratton is engaged in getting a large quantity of wood to market at Bennington.  
 A daughter was born to George E. Corey and wife December 8th.  
 Miss Lena Harbour of Bennington is teaching in the Harrington district.  
 B. C. Adams entertained a brother over Sunday from Athol, Mass.  
 Lyon brothers sustained a loss recently of a dry house burning at their clay works.  
 Mrs. Ruth Mattison and son Wendell of Bennington spent Sunday in the place.  
 Miss Lena Harris commenced her school December 8th at the red school house, it being her third term here.  
 Herbert A. Stratton has been on the sick list a few days the past week.  
 Mrs. Asher D. Harrington visited in North Bennington the past week.  
 Harold Harrington and Allie Stratton are attending school in Bennington.  
 Leo Montgomery is attending school in Troy.

### Notice To Advertisers

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are to be used.  
 Advertisements for the weekly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday season.

### OPERA HOUSE

BENNINGTON

MONDAY, DEC. 21

The Great Metropolitan Success

MISS NEW YORK

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An Extravaganza of Comedy put Together to Assassinate the Sorrows.

A Company Comprising the Following Artists.

UEDEL and PEARCE

ADAMS and EDWARDS

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TWENTY BEAUTIFUL BEWITCHING TWENTY

IN GORGEOUS COSTUMES

Prices, 25, 50 and 75 Cents.

RYE MEAL

Fresh ground for table use at the

PUTNAM

Wholesale and Retail Mill, Bennington, Vt.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

The funeral of Henry D. Hall will be held at the residence of Henry T. Cushman in North Bennington Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Solomon Towles of Pownal had his finger badly crushed Wednesday, getting it caught between some heavy timbers. Before it could be released it resulted in a painful injury.

Colonel and Mrs. Hannon, J. P. Hannon and Miss Grace Hannon were in Rutland Wednesday evening at the marriage of R. B. Als, manager of the telephone exchange in that city, to Miss Lulu Kinney.

Hereafter the daily weather report will be our feature of the Evening Banner.

State railroad commissioner H. S. Bingham, was in Castleton Wednesday attending a meeting of the board in regard to the killing of Seth Dean on the Delaware and Hudson railroad in that village December 3rd.

Miss Lillian Thomas of the graded school faculty will leave tomorrow for her home in Greenfield, Mass., to spend the holiday season. Miss Lyons will be with her sister in Arlington, and at her home in Poughkeepsie. Principal Wilmarth will be at home in Middlebury most of the time. Miss Leonard expects to be in Albany.

The work of clearing up the ruins of the buildings burned Sunday in North Bennington has begun. New buildings will be erected as soon as possible.

H. H. Lee of Rutland was among the spectators at the Rogers murder trial Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Faith Powers will come home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Cecil her sister will be home the first of the week.

The mercury was the lowest this morning that it has been this season. In some localities it recorded 6 below.

The remains of H. D. Hall can be seen at the house, Friday after 10 a. m. until an hour before the funeral services.

John G. Harwood of Beach St., went to Somerville, N. Y., this morning to take a position in a knitting mill sent by Mr. Cooper to work on his machines.

Fred Kennon of Elmira, N. Y. is home for a few days visit.

Among prominent Odd Fellows present in the district meeting, Wednesday evening were, E. C. Baker, D. D. G. M. district No. 9, P. J. Putnam, N. G. Windsor lodge 55; N. M. Puffer, Past Chief Patriarch of the grand encampment of Vermont, and past colonel of the uniformed rank.

R. S. Dillon and Co. of Albany are now at work on a house to house canvas, for the purpose of getting out the sixth edition of their town directory. Especial pains will be taken to make the directory complete in all particulars.

W. H. Roberts of Manchester was in town, Wednesday.

The Bachelor club of North Bennington will give a dance at Bank Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 31.

Quite a large number from this place attended the production of Hanlon's "Superba" at the Lyceum Theater of Troy, Wednesday night.

The knitting mill of H. E. Bradford & Co will resume operations Monday for a partial shut down of a few weeks. As fast as possible the entire force will be called in. The mill will be closed down for Christmas and New Year's day.

The parochial School of St. Francis de Sales and church of the Sacred Heart will close Tuesday, the 22nd, and will remain closed until after New Years.

The Bennington Millinery Company has purchased the stock of Nicholas and Rudd, recently bankrupt. Miss Celeste Keyes will be the manager, and business will be resumed at once.

Hiram Eggleston and George Snow of Manchester are in town.

WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

The Back Pay Due From The Government To This State.

Washington, Dec. 17: The committee on claims of the Senate yesterday reported favorably a bill enabling the secretary of the treasury to pay the state of Vermont money appropriated to adjust claims between Vermont and the United States.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable safe handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, scalds, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

Another Gray's Sweet Powders For Children

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, nothing disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.



### A. K. RITCHIE & CO.

It's where you buy that saves you money; that's the text the sermon will follow. Unlike many sermons, it's brief, free from prolixity and it will do you good. Read it. Wise buying is the root of economy. Right buying is where you save money. When it comes Christmas time and people are looking for gifts there isn't one person in a thousand knows what he is looking for. But on one thing they are all agreed; they want out of the ordinary things—things that they don't see in every little store, and they go where they see that kind. You can buy line of so called Christmas novelties without much trouble at our store. Folks with Christmas goods to buy ought to be getting anxious for the time is getting shorter and shorter. It is always better to buy early when you can. Be sensible about Christmas giving. If you think a person needs something to wear give it to them in the line of Dry Goods. Hundreds of useful articles at attractive prices.

### A. K. RITCHIE & CO.

... The ...

### Christmas Store

... IS BRIMFULL OF ...

### Special Offerings

OUR cash system of doing business and small expense of running two stores together bring savings we are willing to divide with you. Here are a few savings worth reading, but a visit is much better, even without buying.

Wool Waist Patterns in etamine, volles, etc.; 50c value; 3 yards for \$1.25  
 Pure Linen Hemstitched Towel, damask center, extra large... 39c  
 28-inch Outing Flannel in neat stripe patterns... 41-2c YARD  
 Ladies' Ecru Fleece Lined Vests and Pants; 50c value... 39c  
 Bead Belts in several patterns; 1.25 and 1.39 value... \$1.00  
 Gents' all silk neckwear, Four-in-hands, Ascots, Imperials, Tecks; in light and dark coloring... 45c  
 Gents' Silk Scarfs, Teck Shields, Teck Four-in-hands, Bows, etc... 23c  
 Gents' Fancy Fleece Underwear, in ecru color or; 50c value... 39c  
 Gents' Silk Suspenders, in plain color or fancy; 50c value... 35c  
 Gents' 50 per cent wool Hose, in black only; 19c value... 15c  
 Gents' all linen Handkerchiefs, 1-4 and 1-2 inch hem; 25c value... 20c  
 Undressed Kid Body Doll, light or dark hair, 18-inch size, finished with lace hose and shoes Others up to 25c... 25c  
 Doll Tea Sets, extra large size, 18-piece set; 50c value... 45c  
 Rogers Bros.' silver plated Soup Ladle, Meat Fork, etc.; 1.25 value... 89c

### H. ROSIER & CO.

Bennington and No. Bennington



The Soap That Doesn't Work the Worker Is

### Sunlight

Wash in the Sunlight way and you will understand. It does the work with less soap, less time and less labor and it does it well. The "Sunlight way" of washing is the easy way of washing.  
 ASK FOR "LAUNDRY" SOAP SUNLIGHT